

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A communication system comprising:
at least three communication devices, and
a seating-order determination device for generating
seating-order information at each point of time for
information sent from each communication device and for
transmitting the seating-order information to each
communication device.
2. A communication system according to Claim 1,
wherein the seating-order determination device generates the
seating-order information at each point of time for
information sent from the at least three communication
devices, according to the degree of attention which the user
of each communication device pays to the information sent
from each communication device.
3. A communication system according to Claim 1,
wherein the seating-order determination device groups the
information sent from each communication device according to
the degree of attention which each user pays to the
information sent from each communication device, and
generates the seating-order information according to the
result of grouping.

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4. A communication system according to Claim 3, wherein the seating-order information is generated such that information belonging to the same group is arranged.

5. A communication system according to Claim 3, wherein the seating-order information is generated such that information belonging to the same group is dispersed almost uniformly.

6. A communication system according to Claim 1, wherein each communication device controls the output position of the information sent from other communication devices, according to the seating-order information to output the information sent from the other communication devices in a seating order corresponding to the seating-order information, and

when the seating order is changed according to the seating order information, each communication device outputs indication information indicating a change in the seating order to the user.

7. A communication system according to Claim 6, wherein the indication information is image information.

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8. A communication system according to Claim 6,
wherein the indication information is audio information.

9. A communication system according to Claim 6,
wherein the indication information includes image
information and audio information.

10. A communication system according to Claim 3,
wherein each communication device controls the output
position of the information sent from other communication
devices, according to the seating-order information to
output the information sent from the other communication
devices in a seating order corresponding to the seating-
order information, and

each communication device outputs indication
information indicating the state of grouping to the user.

11. A communication system according to Claim 10,
wherein the indication information is background image
information obtained when the information sent from the
other communication devices is output.

12. A communication system according to Claim 11,
wherein the background image information is generated such
that information belonging to the same group has the same

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